

**February 2, 2012**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Committee Members Present:** Jackie Seip  
Wendell Williams  
Nancy Brune  
E. Lavonne Lewis  
Taurus Duncan  
Dean Ishman  
Patrick Smith  
Bonnie Chu  
Ylonda Dickerson  
Vida Lin  
Linda Lera Randle El

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Esther Langston, Ph.D  
Suzanne Dessaints  
Suzanne Thomas (resigned)

**Facilitator:** Sherri Hess

**Clark County Staff Present:** Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon and Carol Whitman

**I. Call to Order:**

- By Sherri Hess

**II. Public Announcements:** None received

**III. Approval of the September 1, 2011.**

**IV. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**

- Tim – asked each member to introduce themselves and indicate if they are representing an agency or not.

Tim Burch, Director of Social Service

Bobby Gordon, Acting Assistant Director

Jackie Seip, Executive Assistant to the President of Roseland University.  
CEO, Seniors United

Sherri Hess Facilitator of CAC Committee

Wendell Williams Retired Educator & Legislator not representing any  
particular group.

Nancy Brune: Not representing any particular group. Primarily focuses on  
Children & Latino Community – Domestic Violence – Bilingual  
NJC – Bilingual CASA – LOFGRAW

E. Lavonne Lewis: Represents Las Vegas Clark County Urban League  
Interim CEO & President of Las Vegas Urban League  
The Urban League is a local Community Action Agency and offers  
the following Family Development Center:  
Re-Integration of Ex-offenders Program  
31 Public Computer Centers  
Child Care Subsidy Program  
Education & Tutoring Programs  
Programs working with parents to develop their skills to transmit  
to their children  
Supportive VA Programs

Taurus Duncan: Does not represent any group  
Spent 27 years as an inmate in the corrections system

Dean Ishman: Does not represent any group. Is from the Church Community.  
President of Retired Police Organization  
Works with youth offenders / mentors youths

Patrick Smith: Public Affairs Consultant – does not represent any group.  
Foster Parent  
CASA

Bonnie Chu: Owns Euphoria Salons and would like to give back to the  
community.

Ylonda Dickerson: Founder of Valley View Community Cares committed to  
improving the lives of at risk youths.

Carol Whitman: Administrative Secretary Clark County Social Service

Vida Lin: Affiliated with the Organization of Chinese Americans

A copy of the Bylaws for the CAC was in each packet members received. Tim went over the Bylaws. He stated that we wanted a cross-section of citizens. Whether representing an organization or not, everyone's voice is important. We will explore all Boards and Committees that each person is connected to. The primary focus for this group is the starting point of a communication hub to and from the community around us to help develop some partnerships.

The commitment right now is to meet every other month or we can decide to meet monthly or quarterly.

Wendell Williams asked about the Mission Statement and if anyone can indicate examples of things that have been done to accomplish the 3 statements in the mission statement.

1. To identify and communicate to the department crucial social service issues and service requirements regarding improvements to client services.
2. To assist in assessing needs of the community.
3. To initiate proposals to be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners as recommendations for action.

Patrick brought up an example of how the committee stepped forward to help CCSS when budget cuts were necessary and how difficult that was. How the committee had to assess services to see what could be cut.

Sherri brought up how the committee stepped forward with the mobile home park displacement and the assessments done with Project Homeless Connect, etc.

Bobby brought up, as a point of clarification, that although there has been participation, discussion and strategizing, there has been no formal written assessment presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Wendell wanted to know what happens to a client on a daily basis to access the services and needs.

Tim gave an overview of the Social Service Department and the services that we offer. Tim stated that the slide presentation would be sent out to each member at a later date. Bobby walked thru a typical client story and what happens to the working family that runs out of unemployment benefits.

At the completion of Tim's presentation, Wendell stated that it seems as if we have to have subcommittees in order to function.

Tim stated that no subcommittees have been developed yet.

Tim asked each member to fill out the asset mapping form and email or fax it to Carol Whitman.

Sherri stated that although we appreciate everyone's commitment to the CAC Advisory Committee, it is very important that every member make an effort to attend each meeting.

Tim stated that a Chair/Vice Chair would be selected at the next meeting.

#### **VIII. Public Input**

- Linda Lera Randle El announced that there will be a Project Homeless Connect on December 6, 2012 at Cashman Field.
- **\*\*ADDITION\*\***Linda Lera Randle El announced Homeless memorial candlelight at Help of SNV. 4pm.

**IX. Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for April 5, 2012, 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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